

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of groundwater discharge permit # NEV89011 from the following applicant:

Paradise Valley Sewer District  
P.O. Box 25  
Paradise Valley, NV 89426

The Permittee operates a wastewater treatment facility, which is located  $\frac{3}{4}$  mi. south of the community of Paradise Valley, Humboldt County, NV. The treatment facility was constructed in 1975 and services 67 residences. The treatment facility consists of two unlined treatment ponds and two disposal ponds. Currently, the degree of wastewater treatment is insufficient because the ponds are over-sized and leak (unlined). For this permit renewal, the Division requires the Permittee to submit a Facility Plan, which outlines the District's plan and schedule for improving wastewater treatment and groundwater protection. The proposed permit conditions require a lined treatment pond and groundwater monitoring if the facility continues to discharge effluent to groundwater. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed groundwater discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 12, 2003, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
333 West Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424 (e-mail: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684.